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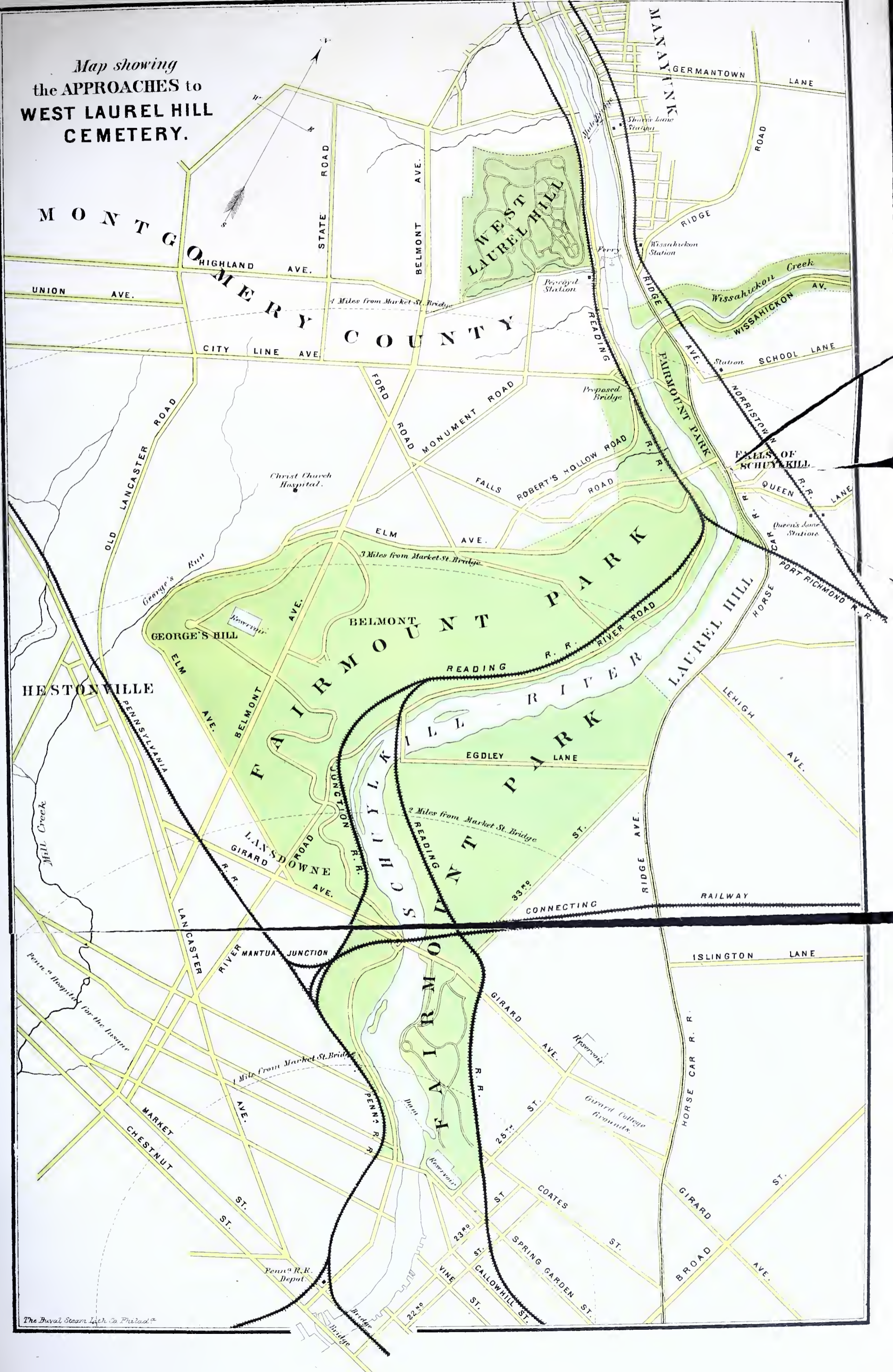
OFFICE, No. 524 WALNUT STREET,

Room No. 6, first floor.

CHARLES N. SNYDER,

Actuary.

Map showing
the APPROACHES to
WEST LAUREL HILL
CEMETERY.



CHARTER,
RULES AND REGULATIONS,
AND DESCRIPTION OF
WEST LAUREL HILL CEMETERY,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
NEAR FAIRMOUNT PARK, PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA:
OFFICE OF THE COMPANY, 524 WALNUT STREET,
1870.



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To the Citizens of Philadelphia:



THE impropriety of making interments beneath and around city churches has long been acknowledged, and of late years it has come to be felt that all burials within the built-up portions of cities are open to serious objection. Again and again, in the progress of improvement in Philadelphia, for example, the fields of the dead have been broken up and the repulsive sight of human skulls and other bones shovelled out to make room for the foundations of stores or dwellings has shocked the feelings of survivors. Even suburban cemeteries, if not sufficiently remote, are liable to be cut up by streets as the city stretches out its ever-expanding arms; and the feeling is growing in the public mind that burials should take place at such a distance from the built-up portion of the town that the repose of the dead may be assured forever. The history of mankind in all ages shows that

the human heart clings to the grave of its disappointed hopes—that it seeks consolation in rearing emblems and monuments, and in collecting images of beauty over the disappearing relics of humanity. This can be fitly done, not in the tumultuous and harassing din of cities, not in the gloomy and almost unapproachable vaults of charnel houses, but amidst the quiet verdure of the field, under the broad and cheerful light of heaven, where the harmonious and ever-changing face of nature reminds us, by its resuscitating influences, that to die is to live again.

Such were the considerations which, brought home by a personal bereavement, led in 1835 to the selection of Laurel Hill as a burial ground, it being, with the exception of Mount Auburn, the first rural cemetery established in the United States. The enterprise meeting a great public want, soon proved a complete success, and the original plot of thirty acres has been three times enlarged by the annexation of adjoining properties. A further addition had been provided for by the purchase of "Edgeley," containing about forty acres of land, situated below South Laurel Hill, when the General Assembly passed the Act creating Fairmount Park, the boundaries of which included that estate.

Laurel Hill was now enclosed forever, being bounded on three sides by Fairmount Park, and on the fourth by Ridge Avenue. This position, while not without great advantages as giving entire security against invasion by streets, caused the Managers serious consideration.

A few years only will elapse before all the ground remaining in *North, Central, and South Laurel Hill* will be sold. At the same time the city is increasing in population with unprecedented rapidity, and the wants of its future millions in respect to secure resting places for the dead are but imperfectly provided for. It seemed to the founder and President of Laurel Hill, that the experience gained by thirty-five years of personal supervision should, in the interest of the public, be made available in the selection, planting, and laying out of a *new Cemetery*, which should be, not the rival, but rather the natural successor of Laurel Hill, and so located as to combine beauty of situation, suitability of soil, and security from invasion by streets. Being joined by most of his associates in the management of Laurel Hill, and by other public-spirited citizens, he secured two adjoining estates in Montgomery County, capable of further extension, which satisfactorily meet all the above requisites. The following Charter under the General Law of the Commonwealth was obtained from the Courts of Montgomery County:—

C H A R T E R .

*To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas
in and for the County of Montgomery:*

Whereas, JOHN JAY SMITH, BENJAMIN M. BOYER, JAMES CONSTABLE, LLOYD P. SMITH, ISAAC HAZLEHURST, SAMUEL WELSH, S. MORRIS WALN, DANIEL M. FOX, BENJAMIN W. RICHARDS, and HORACE J. SMITH. citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have associated for the purpose of establishing a Cemetery in the township of Lower Merion,

in the county of Montgomery, in the State of Pennsylvania, intending that a certain tract of land in said township containing about eighty-eight acres and a half,* shall be used for the purposes of burial, and desire that they and their successors may acquire and enjoy the powers and immunities of a corporation or body politic in law, and for this purpose have prepared this Instrument of writing specifying the objects, articles, conditions, and name, style, or title under which they have associated, and submit the same for examination and approval to the Court of Common Pleas of the said county, in which said Corporation is to be situated, or its principal business transacted.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be incorporated into a body politic and corporate in law under the name, style, and title of "THE WEST LAUREL HILL CEMETERY COMPANY," and by that name shall be able and capable in law to have and to use a common seal, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and do and perform all such other acts and things as are incident to such a corporation, and necessary for the purposes of its association.

ARTICLE II. The said Corporation shall be capable to purchase and hold for the purposes of a Cemetery, said tract of land of eighty-eight and a half acres, *and so much additional land in said township of Lower Merion* as it may deem necessary hereafter to acquire for the same purpose, not in the aggregate to exceed three hundred acres in extent, the clear yearly value or income whereof shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars, and to use, manage, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, and dispose of the same, or any part thereof; and to hold so much personal property as may be necessary for the purposes of said Corporation: Provided, however, that the yearly income of such corporation, other than from the real estate, shall be limited to Ten Thousand Dollars.

ARTICLE III. The Managers of said Corporation shall consist of a Board of four Managers, annually to be elected by the Stockholders, and shall have power to lay out and ornament the grounds of the said Cemetery, to erect suitable buildings thereon, and to keep the same in good order and repair, arrange burial lots, and sell and dispose of the same for burial purposes under such terms and conditions as they may prescribe, to enact such by-laws and regulations from time to time for the management of the affairs of the said Corporation as they may deem proper, and to appoint and employ suitable officers and agents, and prescribe their duties and compensation.

* Since increased by the purchase of another farm.

ARTICLE IV. The first four hereinbefore named as incorporated, to wit: JOHN JAY SMITH, BENJAMIN M. BOYER, JAMES CONSTABLE, and LLOYD P. SMITH, shall be the Managers of said Corporation until the first election for managers, which shall take place at such time and place and subject to such regulations as may be agreed to by a majority of said corporators at a meeting to be called for that purpose.

JOHN JAY SMITH,
 ISAAC HAZLEHURST,
 SAMUEL WELSH,
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 BENJ. W. RICHARDS,
 JAMES CONSTABLE,
 HORACE J. SMITH.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, }
 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, } ss.

And now, to wit, November 8th, A. D. 1869.
 Due proof of the publication of notice of the foregoing application having been made to said Court of Common Pleas of said county, and the said Court having perused and examined the foregoing Instrument of writing, and the objects, articles, and conditions therein set forth and contained appearing to be lawful and not injurious to the community, and no sufficient reason having been shown to the contrary, the said Court do declare and decree that the persons therein referred to and their successors shall, according to the objects, articles, and conditions in said Instrument of writing set forth and contained, become and be a corporation or body politic in law and in fact, by and under the name, style, and title of "The West Laurel Hill Cemetery Company." And further, That the said Instrument of writing or Charter of Incorporation shall be recorded in the office for Recording Deeds, &c., at Norristown, in and for said county, according to law.

By the Court.

HENRY CHAPMAN,
 PRESIDENT JUDGE.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ss.



Recorded in the Office for Recording Deeds, &c., at
Norristown, in and for said county, in Miscellaneous
Book No. 14, page 104, &c.

Witness my hand and seal of office, Nov. 9, 1869.

WILLIAM H. HILL,
D. R.

At a meeting of the Corporators held on the 23d of
November, 1869, the following Managers were elected:—

JOHN JAY SMITH, PRESIDENT,
Shoemaker's Lane, Germantown.

HON. B. M. BOYER, VICE-PRESIDENT,
Norristown.

JAMES CONSTABLE,
Philadelphia.

LLOYD P. SMITH, SEC. AND TREAS.,
Philadelphia.

The Managers have engaged as *Superintendent*, MI-
CHAEL DUNN, who, for fifteen years, has been employed
at South Laurel Hill, and who will be regularly on the
ground. He is a valuable assistant.

The time which has elapsed since the organization of
the Company has been fully employed in the laying out
of roads and walks, the planting of trees—of which seven
hundred large and fifteen thousand smaller specimens have
been set out—the removal of farm buildings, the erection
of an entrance lodge and of houses for the workmen em-

ployed on the place, the building of a Receiving Tomb of the most approved and complete description, and such other preliminary work as the experience of the Managers taught them to be necessary.

Confident that this provision for the dead has not been made too early, and knowing that the thinking portion of the community will appreciate their labors, the Managers have not hesitated to make expensive improvements, which will be continually added to. They have been fortunate beyond precedent in the selection of the new site, and now invite the inspection of their fellow citizens.

It may be doubted whether any great city has, *at so accessible a distance*, such a substantial and satisfactory institution, combining, as it does, SECURITY, BEAUTY, and a reasonable ECONOMY.

ADVANTAGES CLAIMED

FOR THE

WEST LAUREL HILL CEMETERY.



BEAUTY OF SITUATION. Nature seems to have provided this lovely spot for the resting-place of the dead, while art is adorning it and making it still more attractive. The views up and down the Schuylkill from a height greater than that of George's Hill, and the extensive prospects of a beautiful surrounding country, need only to be seen to be appreciated, while the river front affords picturesque sites for vaults, monuments, and family lots.

Mr. T. MORAN, the celebrated landscape painter, has just finished two pictures of great beauty portraying scenes from the heights of West Laurel Hill—one looking down the Schuylkill upon the older Laurel Hill, the other looking up the river into the beautiful scenery of Montgomery—pictures which would do credit to any artist, but whose merit also is found in the display of the panorama on every side, and of the height of the commanding grounds above the placid waters of the river. These pictures, after exhibition, will adorn the office of the Company.

2. PERMANENCE AND SECURITY. Each Lotholder receives a deed conveying to him forever, for burial pur-

poses, the ground which he has purchased. West Laurel Hill is protected by law from the opening of roads through its grounds, and being situated across the river Schuylkill, without the city limits, and on a high bluff between two deep ravines, it may reasonably be anticipated that nothing will ever occur to invade the sanctity of its grounds. The business of Laurel Hill, it may be remarked, has for many years been largely the receiving of bodies disinterred from closed city graveyards, and these removals still continue and increase in number. The time is so near at hand when several other city and suburban burial plots shall be broken up, that the Managers of West Laurel Hill believe they are providing a place for future removals which will be demanded by an instructed public feeling.

The perpetuity of the institution is further insured by the establishment of a *Permanent Fund*, to which each purchaser of a Lot contributes to the amount of ten per cent. of his purchase money. This fund will be placed in the hands of a trust company having a perpetual charter, and the interest will be applied to keeping the ground in order forever. The Permanent Fund of Laurel Hill Cemetery, in the hands of the Girard Life Insurance and Trust Company, now amounts to about eighty thousand dollars, and is rapidly increasing.

3. CHARACTER OF SOIL. The city of Philadelphia, but slightly elevated above tide water, is situated mostly on a deposit of brick clay, and consequently in many of its existing burial grounds, interments are made in wet soil. The surface of West Laurel Hill, on the other hand,

is elevated and the soil dry, consisting mostly of a sandy loam or gravel.

4. ACCESSIBILITY. West Laurel Hill is nearer to the city than any other cemetery not within its limits, and by railroad a great economy of time over that required to reach other rural cemeteries is effected. The principal approaches to it are as follows:—

A. By the Reading Railroad in twenty-nine minutes from the depot at Thirteenth and Callowhill to Pencoyd Station at the grounds. By the Reading Railroad, West Laurel Hill is reached from the bridge at North Laurel Hill in exactly four minutes, and when reached, the older place is overlooked. The Railroad Company runs ten daily trains each way, stopping at the Cemetery, as follows:—

READING R. R. TIME TABLE,

BETWEEN PHILADELPHIA AND PENCOYD (WEST LAUREL HILL).

TRAINS LEAVE THIRTEENTH & CALLOWHILL FOR PENCOYD:

6.15, 7.30, 8.30, 11.00 A. M. 12.30 noon. 1.30, 4.00, 4.45, 5.15, 6.30 P. M.

TRAINS LEAVE PENCOYD FOR PHILADELPHIA:

6.24, 8.12, 9.19, 9.51 A. M. 12.04 noon. 2.19, 3.55, 4.32, 5.39, 8.55 P. M.

ON SUNDAYS.

Trains leave 13th and Callowhill for Pencoyd at 8.00 A. M. 3.15 P. M.

“ “ Pencoyd for 13th and Callowhill at 12.05 P. M. 6.54 “

Visitors generally, and persons in search of lots, as well as undertakers who have business with the Superintendent of the Cemetery, will find the railroad an expeditious mode of accomplishing their several objects. The use of many vaults in the city for temporary occupancy

can be obtained on moderate terms, and removals can be made by rail. The receiving vaults at North and South Laurel Hill can be used, under proper limitations as to time, for an almost nominal charge.

The Reading Railroad Company have made a siding at Pencoyd Station for the accommodation of funeral trains, and they will furnish every facility, by means of additional cars to the regular trains, or *by extra trains* if desired, for the convenience of those who, either from Philadelphia or from any point in the valley of the Schuylkill or Richmond, may choose that mode of conveyance. In regard to the use of railroads for funeral purposes, it is worth while for Philadelphia to profit by the example of other cities. In London, New York, Chicago, &c., the railroad has for many years been a favorite mode of conveying a funeral cortege to its destination, while in Paris this system is about to be adopted on the most extensive scale. No one objects to the use of the railroad when a distant city is to be reached by those in charge of a deceased person, and the Managers of *West Laurel Hill* are confident that this mode of conveyance will meet public approval, and that it only needs a short time to prove its advantages, *in time, avoidance of fatigue, and economy.*

The following extract from a letter of the President of Wood-Lawn Cemetery shows the estimation in which this mode of transportation is held in New York:—

“I am pleased to hear that you are proceeding so favorably with *West Laurel Hill Cemetery*. Under proper management its success must be certain. As soon as the public have fairly considered the ad-

vantages of having a cemetery located a good distance from the thickly settled portion of a great and growing city, and of its easy accessibility *by railroad as well as carriages*, you will find your new enterprise properly appreciated and patronized.

“When we located *Wood-Lawn Cemetery*, in West Chester County, fourteen miles from New York City, on the Harlem Railroad, and to be reached mainly by cars, it was a new experiment, and we had some fear that the public might not favor funerals by that mode of conveyance. Whatever fear we had was soon removed, for we did not hear of objections, but the public soon looked upon it with favor, and a very large number of our best citizens have been purchasers of lots, and have used the cars for funerals with entire satisfaction. It has been found less expensive than the use of carriages, and not to take as much time.

“The Station at *Wood-Lawn*, which was not established until after we had located the cemetery, is now one of the most valuable to the railroad on its whole line.

“I therefore anticipate that your new *Laurel Hill* will steadily increase in favor and usefulness as the public appreciate and realize its evident advantages.

WILLIAM A. BOOTH,

PRESIDENT OF WOOD-LAWN CEMETERY.”

B. By *Belmont Avenue*, which runs through Fairmount Park on the western side of the Schuylkill, *directly to the Cemetery*. Belmont Avenue is accessible from the eastern side of the Schuylkill by the Market Street, Fairmount, Girard Avenue, Columbia, Falls, and Manayunk Bridges. The proposed Park Bridge across the Schuylkill at the mouth of the Wissahickon will give a still more easy access to the Cemetery from the Ridge Avenue.

5. CHEAPNESS. Owing to the low price of land in Montgomery County, the Managers are enabled to offer lots in West Laurel Hill at rates within the reach of every family. In some sections suitable lots may be had for

forty dollars, and in other surveyed sections the price at present is from fifty-five cents to one dollar and ten cents per square foot. The area of the Cemetery being large, the Managers are prepared to enter into negotiations with religious, philanthropic, and beneficial societies for the sale of considerable tracts of ground on the most reasonable terms—those who make early application having the preference. The attention of those who contemplate purchasing lots is respectfully called to the following.

LETTER FROM BISHOP SIMPSON, OF PHILADELPHIA.

HORACE J. SMITH, Esq.,

COMPTROLLER OF WEST LAUREL HILL CEMETERY.

DEAR SIR:—I most heartily approve of your plan of arranging a Cemetery for extra mural Interments. The cost of city funerals is becoming so great as to be severely oppressive to families in moderate circumstances, and the rapid growth of our city indicates the necessity for grounds which will not hereafter be disturbed. I think your selection of WEST LAUREL HILL is exceedingly fortunate, as combining ease of access by railroad, security from encroachment, and great beauty of location.

Yours truly,

M. SIMPSON.

PHILADELPHIA, June 7, 1870.

[From Lippincott's Magazine.]

The rapid expansion of this city, while a matter of just pride to Philadelphians, is not without its attendant embarrassments. Many suburban burial-grounds, which had been considered secure from invasion by streets, either are, or threaten to be, enveloped by buildings. A pressure is put from time to time upon the Legislature to repeal that clause in their respective charters which provides that no street shall be opened through their grounds, and, sooner or later, the courts will have to decide whether such a repeal is constitutionally in the power of the General Assembly. Whichever way it may be adjudicated, the consequences will be unpleasant. Either the sacred resting-places of the dead

will be cut up by streets, or the convenience of the living will be interfered with. Fortunately, that cemetery on which Philadelphia prides itself most is secure under all circumstances. Bounded on three sides by Fairmount Park, and on the fourth by Ridge Avenue, Laurel Hill is virtually a part of the Park, of which it forms one of the most interesting features. Its fortunate location, combining picturesque beauty in the present, with security in the future, has not escaped the attention of the public; and it cannot be many years before the ground will all be sold. When that shall be the case, it will be necessary for our citizens to go farther into the country to find that security from invasion by streets which is denied them in the city. In fact, the system of conducting funerals by railroad, which has given such satisfaction in New York and Chicago, must ultimately be much adopted in Philadelphia. The above considerations have, we learn, long occupied the attention of the managers of Laurel Hill Cemetery, and have induced them to purchase, for burial purposes, about one hundred and fifty acres of land in Montgomery County, overlooking the Schuylkill, and to be called *West Laurel Hill*. Situated about a mile above Fairmount Park, and accessible by Belmont Avenue, the Reading Railroad, etc., this naturally beautiful spot is now being laid out and planted in accordance with the rules of landscape gardening.

[From the Norristown Herald.]

A NEW CEMETERY.—The new Fairmount Park has appropriated the land contiguous to Laurel Hill Cemetery, thus preventing any enlargement of that beautiful “City of the Dead.” Being circumscribed so completely, in order to provide additional place for interment in the future, a number of gentlemen of Philadelphia, Mayor Fox, S. Morris Wahn, Esq., Isaac Hazlehurst, Esq., Samuel Welsh, Esq., Hon. B. M. Boyer, of this county, and others, including the President and Managers of that cemetery, have been incorporated by the courts of Montgomery county, under the title of the “West Laurel Hill Cemetery Company,” and have selected a site for the new cemetery on the west side of the Schuylkill River, about a mile above Laurel Hill, of easy access, and unsurpassed in beauty of scenery. The incorporators met on Monday and organized under the Presidency of John Jay Smith, Esq., founder and President of Laurel Hill Cemetery. The site of the new grounds is in Montgomery County, and away from the built up town. It is just beyond the northern limits of the Park, and yet accessible by Belmont Avenue, the Falls Bridge, and the Reading Railroad, &c. &c.

REGULATIONS OF WEST LAUREL HILL CEMETERY.

These are, in the main, the same as those of North, Central, and South Laurel Hills.

CARRIAGES, &c.

In driving through the grounds, all persons are required to walk their horses. Saddle-horses and dogs cannot be admitted.

COACHMEN.

Visitors are requested to instruct their coachmen to keep on the road; and after setting down, to require them to drive into the courtyards provided for their accommodation.

Horses left unattended in the grounds will be immediately driven outside by the Superintendents or Assistants.

VISITORS GENERALLY.

All visitors are requested to keep on the walks, and not to pluck flowers or shrubs, or to injure the trees. Unruly children or improper persons will not be admitted.

THE RECEIVING TOMB.

A large receiving Tomb, built in the Egyptian style, is provided for the accommodation of those who intend to purchase lots. The Tomb, containing numerous vaults, each properly secured, and so numbered that the coffins

deposited therein can be readily distinguished, is built in the side of a hill near the Superintendent's house.

CHARGES FOR RECEIVING-TOMB.

For each person \$25 00

If removed to any lot or grave in the Cemetery within two months, \$20 will be returned. If removed *from the Cemetery* within four months, \$10 will be returned.

If not removed from the vault within six months, the interment will be considered permanent, and the remains placed under ground without extra charge.

ENCLOSURE OF LOTS.

No wooden enclosures will be allowed; nor iron, unless galvanized.

The Managers require that all stone, iron, bricks, mortar, and other materials, shall be introduced into these grounds either on a broad-wheel cart, or truck wagon, or by hand, without injury to grass or walks, and under the direction of the Superintendent.

Walls must be within the lines of the boundary of the lot, and cannot exceed two feet in height; and marble or stone enclosures must not exceed four feet six inches above the surrounding ground.

No trees are to be planted in the lots, nor any growing thereon to be removed without the consent of the Managers. Shrubbery must not exceed four feet six inches in height. The graves dug therein must be at least six inches within the entire line thereof, and of sufficient and proper depth. The earth in enclosed lots cannot be elevated above the level of the surrounding grounds without the consent of the Managers.

VAULTS.

In building vaults, the same rules must be observed in conveying materials to the place required, as is pointed out for the enclosures. Every attention must be observed to prevent, as much as possible, inconvenience to the adjoining lots, throughout the time the vaults are building. All of these details must be under the direction of the Superintendent, who will be constantly on the spot. The walls of vaults shall be confined within the limits of the premises, and they shall be at least nine inches thick. The inside crown of the arch shall be at least four feet below the surface of the ground, and not less than one foot in thickness; and the entrance to the same shall be covered with a stone, or an iron plate, and these covered with earth, so that the said stone (or iron plate) and earth shall be at least three feet in depth, and on a level with the surrounding ground. To prevent confusion from the introduction of a variety of workmen, and to protect the grounds, the Managers have made arrangements to have all the excavating, as well as the building of foundations for enclosures, and for monuments, &c., performed under the directions of the Superintendents, at moderate prices.

To those who prefer the erection of vaults or catacombs, the Superintendent at West Laurel Hill will, when applied to, make such suggestions as to the plan and mode of building as may be deemed valuable, and may influence the builders to the best mode of construction.

LOTS NOT TRANSFERABLE.

The Managers inform persons who may wish to obtain lots in this Cemetery, that they will have the ground they purchase secured to them, and their families and heirs, for a burial-place forever; and for the burial of such other persons as they may choose to admit, provided such admis

sion is free of charge, and without any compensation; but owners cannot re-sell or transfer their lots to any other person whatever, without the consent of the Managers first had and obtained in writing.

IMPROVEMENT OF LOTS.

If any trees and shrubs in lots shall become detrimental, by their roots, branches, or otherwise, to adjacent lots, walks, or roads, or unsightly, it shall be the duty of the Managers or Superintendent, and they shall have the right to enter the said lot and remove the said trees and shrubs, or such parts thereof as they shall determine to be detrimental, unsightly, or inconvenient.

If any monument, effigy, or enclosure, or any structure whatever, or any inscription be placed in or upon any lot, which shall be determined by the Managers to be offensive or improper, or injurious to the appearance of the surrounding grounds, they shall have the right, and it shall be their duty to enter upon such lots, and remove the said offensive or improper object.

All workmen employed in the construction of vaults, enclosing of lots, erection of monuments, &c., must be subject to the control and direction of the Management; and any workman failing to conform to this regulation, will not be permitted afterwards to work in the grounds. No smoking is allowed.

Lot-owners who enclose lots or make other improvements upon them, will be required to leave them in order, and the neighboring ground to be cleaned up; otherwise they will be put in order at the expense of the owner; and the workmen who have so little regard to the beauty of the place, will not in future be admitted to work in the grounds.

Lettered wooden boards designating graves, will not be allowed.

MONUMENTS.

The Managers have no wish to interfere with individual taste in the construction of monuments, &c.; but to protect the interest of each separate purchaser, they reserve to themselves explicitly, the right to prevent the erection of large improvements which might interfere with the general effect, or obstruct any principal view.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Lot-holders who may wish either to enclose their lots, construct vaults, or to have their boundaries more fully defined, must first apply to the Superintendent on the premises, who must be present, and whose directions they will conform to on these occasions, as well as in the erection of other improvements, attending at funerals, &c.; and it is to him that the Managers look for the enforcement of these rules by visitors generally, and for the maintenance of decorum in the Cemetery on all occasions.

PURCHASE OF LOTS.

Persons wishing to purchase lots are referred to the office of the Treasurer, 524 *Walnut Street, No. 6*, first floor, or to the Superintendent on the premises, who have the plans of the grounds and every requisite information. No improvement can be commenced on any lot, or interment made therein, prior to a receipt obtained therefor from the Treasurer.

PERMITS.

No interment can take place without a permit from the Treasurer. The Superintendent cannot be responsi-

ble for having the grave prepared in time for funerals, unless he has at least eight hours of daylight previous notice thereof.

SINGLE INTERMENTS.

Suitable spots have been appropriated for single interments, either for strangers or others, at moderate prices.

A SUGGESTION FOR LOT-HOLDERS.

The Managers very respectfully suggest to the proprietors of grounds in the Cemetery, that, as time rolls on, and the Superintendent is changed, by death or otherwise, cases may occur of the following character: Deaths may take place in families which have been obliged to use the lot or lots for interment on former occasions, and it may be desirable that either an infant or a grown person should be interred in a grave already previously opened, and a message may be sent to the grounds to inter in such or such a grave, or adjoining such a relative; now, if no head or foot-stone, or any designation whatever is apparent on the surface, it may be impossible for the Superintendent to comply, with certainty, with the wishes of the relatives.

To remedy this is in the power of each lot-holder:— *by making a drawing of the lot or lots on the back of the Deed,* and being careful to record on it every interment, with name and date, this difficulty may be entirely avoided, and an interesting record in each family will be preserved, obviating, in future, a possible disappointment.

VARIETY IN MONUMENTS.

There is another suggestion which the Managers feel it their duty to make to lot-holders; they trust it will be

received as an evidence that they are anxious to unite in carrying out the original intention of creating at West Laurel Hill a *tout ensemble*, which shall evince that, with superior facilities, there is growing up an improved taste in monumental sculpture. It has been the frequent remark of visitors—our own citizens as well as strangers—that a monotony already begins to be apparent in the *style* and *form* of improvements; obelisk succeeds obelisk, &c., with only slight variation, and if this is continued, we shall see, in time, too dull a uniformity to strike the mind with agreeable sentiments. This may be obviated by a little *inquiry before ordering a monument*, and by not always taking only the advice of the stone-mason, often himself willing to suggest the greatest bulk for the least money, and thus allowing marble to usurp the place of good taste. Drawings, to a great extent and variety, have been made, and may be seen at Philadelphia, whose adoption would materially obviate this too just criticism, and ultimately redeem the character of the city in this respect. A correct idea, expressed in marble, may be very beautiful, so long as it is unique; but by too frequent imitation, and in too close proximity with its original, it may destroy the charm of the first, and ultimately raise feelings in the beholder the reverse of those desired.

MANAGERS.

The Managers trust that the above regulations will be sufficient for the guidance of lot-holders and their friends. They are making, at a great expense, every improvement that can add to the convenience of owners of lots; they request that all will observe such a line of deportment as is consistent with the solemnity of the place, and the object to which it is devoted.

INTERMENTS.

In each case of burial, a statement giving the name, place of nativity, and residence, with the number of the street, age, and disease of the person to be interred, and also whether married or unmarried, must be given at the office, that an accurate Registry may be made of the same.

The size of the coffin, on the top, or if in a case the size of the case, should be particularly mentioned. And when interments are to be made in private lots, the location of the grave in the lot should also be stated.

All interments in purchased lots will be subject to the regular charges, which *in all cases* must be paid at the Office of the Cemetery, before the interment.

No disinterment will be allowed, in any lot or grave, without an order from the owner thereof.

FUTURE CARE.

Lots and Monuments will not take care of themselves. Frost, the weather, and the growth of trees, shrubs, briers, and weeds, in time, all tend to disfigure the grounds and to weaken and deface tombs, headstones, and enclosures. The Managers believe that many Lot-holders would gladly insure their grounds and improvements against effacing and destroying influences. To such Lot-holders they suggest the propriety of making provision by will or deed, for the preservation of monuments, enclosures, and grounds. This can be done by depositing or bequeathing in trust to the Cemetery Company a sum such that the interest thereof applied from time to time shall be sufficient for the purpose. Money so deposited will constitute a separate and sacred fund, invested in like manner with the Permanent Fund of the Cemetery, and its income will be expressly devoted and applied to the special object designated by the proprietor.

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